

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 and 11-22 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks appearing below.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,441,715 to Johnson and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0090755 to Matsuzaki et al., stating that Johnson discloses an inductor having all of the limitations of these claims except one or more inner layers formed of a photoresist with magnetic material. The Examiner then states that Matsuzaki et al. disclose such one or more inner layers and asserts that it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the Johnson inductor with the Matsuzaki et al. one or more inner layers.

Claims 1-5 have been canceled. Therefore, the present rejection is moot. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

**Patentability of Claims 6-10**

Independent claim 6 requires, among other things, a series of magnetic metallic strips disposed on each of first and second portions of two or more outer layers and on each one or more inner layers. None of the references of record disclose or suggest, alone or in combination with one another and/or with ordinary skill in the art such a series of magnetic metallic strips. For at least this reason, independent claim 6 and claims 7-10 that depend therefrom are patentable over the references of record.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 6-10 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. If any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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